

47-47½ LIBERTY STREET

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

47-47½ Liberty Street (MD 27)

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

7

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Carroll

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Lyman A. Earhart

Telephone #: 848-7285

STREET & NUMBER

47 Liberty Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21157

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carroll County Office Building

Liber #: 476

Folio #: 355

STREET & NUMBER

Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The three story tall five bay wide thin building numbered 47-47½ Liberty Street fronts the east side of that street (State Rt. 27) nearly opposite that street's intersection with Chase Street in Westminster. The original section of the building is a very thin brick structure between full mansard (at least on the front) roof and high coursed fieldstone foundation.

A central axis dominates the principal facade. The axis is created by a three sided oriel window on the second floor, with the entrance door directly below and a double pediment capped dormer window above. The oriel window has four double hung sash windows on it: one each on the sides and two to the street. The windows are narrow and have stained glass on their upper sashes, with single panes of clear glass below. The base of the oriel is wood and panelled; the cornice continues the heavy molded cornice that tops the second story of the principal facade. A c. 1950 louvered glass storm door marks the entrance door. The door is placed between sidelights and below a narrow rectangular transom. The double dormer window has both its two lights resembling those in the oriel window; a modified sunburst decorates the pediment. Each side of the axis is identical; the ground floor has two elongated 2/2 windows with shorter versions on the second floor. All windows have black louvered shutters and white wooden sills, and those on the ground floor have three course gauged flat arches. Above the already mentioned cornice the slate roof has centrally placed (that is centrally placed on either side of the central dormer window) single dormer windows that are smaller versions of the axis-producing one. A simple crown molding tops this "mansard roof".

The sides of the building reveal that the "mansard roof" exists only on the street side. The side facades display the roof's single pitch, and are brick all the way to the roof. The north side has an entrance door on the ground story, consisting of a glass paned door which rests below a small gable roofed porch. Directly above is one on the principal facade. A corbel capped chimney, placed a few inches inside the exterior wall, tops this facade. The south front of the main structure is blind except for a third story storm window placed towards the front of the building directly opposite that on the third story of the north facade. A two story gable roofed clapboard addition goes off to the east of the original section, and runs across the older building's entire width. (This is making the assumption that the brick building is original and the clapboard section is an addition. This is not a certainty).

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Edward Lynch, sold the land, part of the track called "Resurvey of Hollow Rock," to Adam Reigle for \$100 on July 25, 1863 (Carroll County Deed Book 30, Page 263). The deed in describing the lot, notes that it is on the south "of the new street called Liberty Street". It is possible that the clapboard section was then built, as a structure is indicated on this site on the 1876 plat of the City. The City Directory lists one M. Babylon as living at 47 Liberty Street. On January 13, 1886 Reigle sold the place, whatever existed, back to Edward Lynch for \$1300 (64/85), and it stayed in the Lynch family until Michael John Lynch sold it to John H. Smelser on August 10, 1918 (see deeds 85/564, 132/31, 132/32, and 132/475). Smelser sold the place to John H. T. Earhart on March 26, 1919, (133/521), and it has been in and out of the Earhart family every since. The present owner, Lyman A. Earhart, took title on October 9, 1970.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being a lot just north of lot number 1 of E. Lynch's Addition
to Westminster as shown on an 1876 plat of Westminster.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Christopher Weeks, Consultant

October, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Westminster Historical Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

c/o City Hall, Public Works Department

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created
by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the
Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA,
1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information
and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement
of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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47-47½ Liberty St

House

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